

NOTE FROM THE ISSUE EDITOR

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On October 31, 2014, the state of Nevada will celebrate its birth as it reaches its sesquicentennial milestone. In recognition of this anniversary, State Bar of Nevada President Elana Turner Graham kicks off the October issue of *Nevada Lawyer* by sharing some of the history of the bar with its members.

This month's feature stories offer an interesting glimpse into the state's legal and court history, beginning with two articles on the Nevada Territorial Court. Judge David Hardy analyzes the influence the early territorial justices had on Nevada, while I describe the backgrounds and colorful tenures of these men (and, of course, the justices were all men, back in those days). Another feature not to be missed is Nevada Supreme Court Librarian Christine Timko's article about a little-known collection that dwells, full-time, in the Supreme Court library. Finally, an article by Kelley Hasson presents a fresh perspective, describing how the state bar has changed over the years, on the eve of becoming a part of the bar herself.

October's Back Story examines the history of the Nevada Supreme Court justices, from back in the days when they ran on a partisan ticket. And, in another regular feature, Young Lawyers Section Chair Matthew Digesti imagines a future that may soon become a reality: a Nevada with its very own Court of Appeals. Check out his column to find out why your vote on that issue will be so important come November.

Enjoy the October issue of *Nevada Lawyer*, and Happy Sesquicentennial to Nevada! ■



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